

19 October 1977

MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

VIA : Associate Director-Management/NFAC ✓

FROM : Coordinator for Academic Relations and  
External Analytical Support

SUBJECT : Proposal for a Visit to CIA by a Group of  
University Presidents

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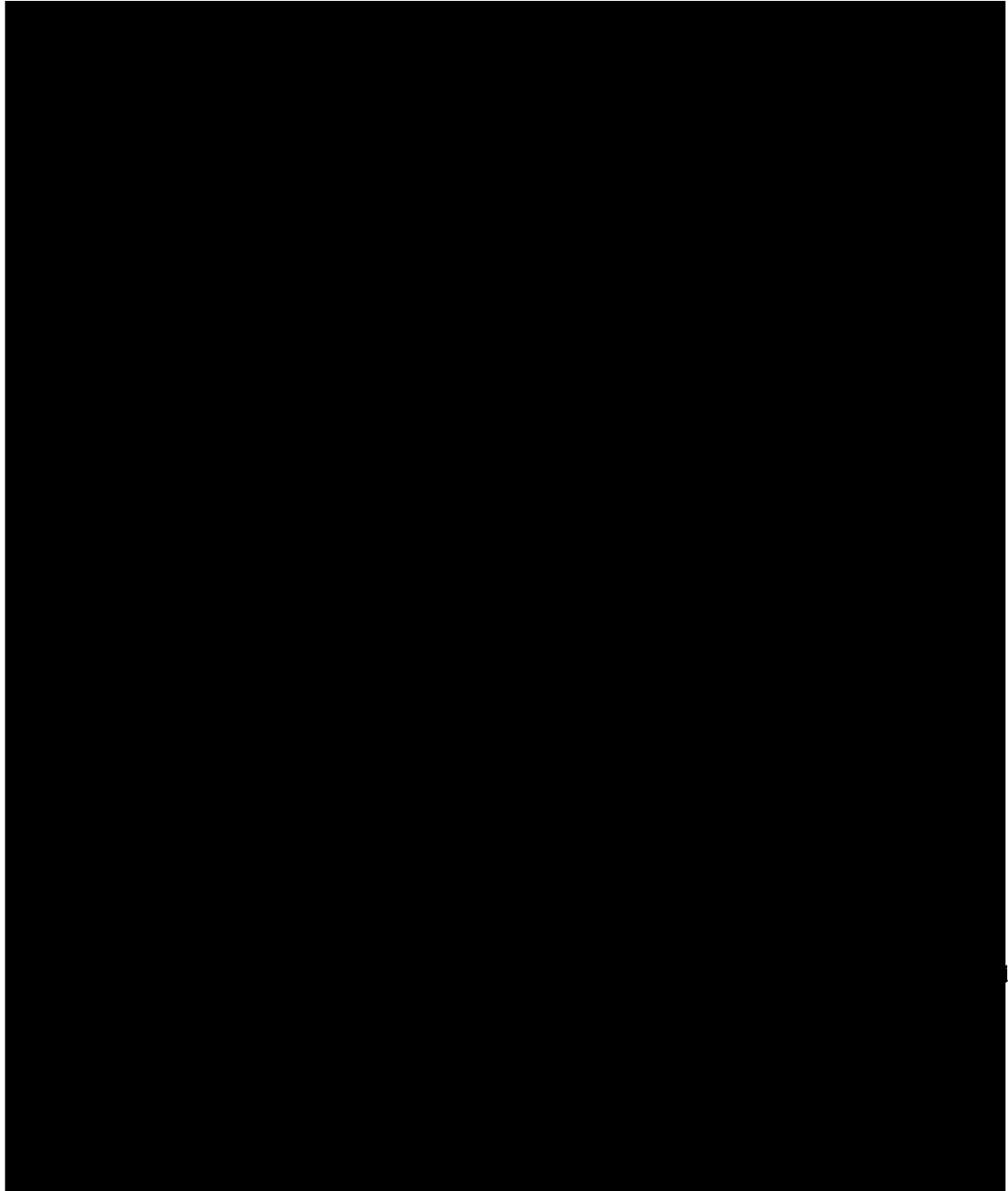
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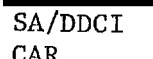


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MEMORANDUM FOR: THE RECORD

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The proposal for the university presidents' visit was returned from the front office today. Turner said: "OK, Go." He added [REDACTED] to the list of presidents and marked [REDACTED] out of the list for presentations. I have passed the file to [REDACTED] for action.

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. Wells  
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The attached papers concern a proposal to invite a group of university presidents to visit the CIA and be briefed by the DCI and various other Agency officers. Candor is the watchword. The issue immediately arises, therefore, of the [redacted] on or around campus. The proposal has been recommended by Sayre Stevens but Admiral Turner returned it for my comment. Because of the DDO involvement I'd like you to have an opportunity to comment before my response goes back to the DCI. I shall be out of town tomorrow and Monday is a holiday, so there is reason for trying to get it back to the front office today. If you can get to it today I'd appreciate a call from you. I am also available for a discussion if you feel that would be useful.

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Academic Coordinator  
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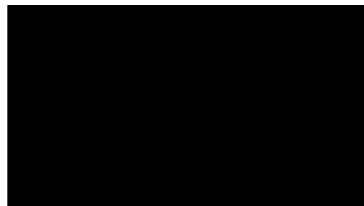
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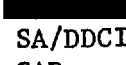


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4 OCT 1977

MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence  
FROM : Sayre Stevens  
Deputy Director for Intelligence  
SUBJECT : Proposal for Visit to CIA by a Group  
of University Presidents

1. Action Requested: Your approval of a plan to issue invitations to a Conference at CIA Headquarters to selected university presidents. We suggest that you consider several such conferences and from a larger list of potential attendees, we have selected 13 names to invite to the initial session. We would expect six or seven of these would attend. We have included biographic information on these 13 men.

2. This proposal is written on the assumption that it would be strictly a CIA show here at Langley. As you know, there is a case to be made for including participation by other elements of the Community or the Executive Branch and holding the meeting at sites other than Langley.

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Sayre Stevens

Attachments

APPROVED : \_\_\_\_\_  
Director of Central Intelligence

DISAPPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_  
Director of Central Intelligence

DATE : \_\_\_\_\_

MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: Proposed Visit to CIA by a Group of Distinguished University Presidents

1. Purpose of Visit: A modest but promising means of dispelling some of the myths and misunderstandings about CIA is to invite a distinguished group of university presidents to the Agency for VIP briefings and tours. A main objective should be to explain on the record what types of relationships CIA has on campus and why they are important. Particular emphasis should be placed on our research and analytical efforts and on the extensive academic contacts that assist them.

Another important purpose would be to improve channels of communication between CIA and leading academic centers in order that we may increase our opportunity to profit from access to the considerable bank of skills and talent to be found on the American campus. Any success we may have in improving a university president's understanding of the Agency undoubtedly would have a favorable multiplier effect on campus. All of the universities on the initial list proposed below have prestigious foreign area and other specialized research centers (see Attachment A for a list) where analysis often complements or supplements our own. Contacts between these centers and Agency analytical components now consist almost entirely of individual relationships. We should attempt to broaden them and to establish enduring institutional ties with many of the research centers in order to promote cooperative research.

2. Time and Place of Visit: The first visit should be held during the last quarter of this calendar year or shortly after the Christmas holidays. It obviously would be most convenient to conduct these sessions at Headquarters. If this is unacceptable, other Government or commercial facilities downtown could be acquired.

3. Agenda: There should be no requirement for security clearances, but it would be necessary that the university presidents

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be briefed with exceptional candor and openness on a wide spectrum of Agency activities. Presentations by [REDACTED] would appear to be essential elements in the program, because of widespread concern in academia--most recently evident in the Harvard guidelines with CIA "spying" on campus. Representatives of the two DDO divisions should describe the mission and operating procedures of their components with an eye toward assuaging apprehensions about improper CIA activities in the US.

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The DDI's numerous analytical programs should also be a major element of the program. Special and innovative research efforts [REDACTED] and other resource analysis, strategic research and verification, personality studies, etc.) should be included. An effort should be made to formulate individual substantive presentations for each president that would concentrate on an analytical area of particular interest.

Although our primary purposes in hosting a visit by university presidents are in the area of image building and improving contacts, our scheduling and presentations should scrupulously avoid the appearances of a high-pitched public relations campaign. One means of helping to avoid the appearances of a rigidly controlled visit is to schedule separate, informal sessions for each president with a group of alumni from his university drawn from throughout the Agency. The agendas for these meetings should be left open for spontaneous and candid exchanges without the presence of senior Agency officials.

4. Proposed Invitees: The following 13 presidents (see Attachment B for Who's Who in America bio sketches) of leading American universities are recommended for the initial visit:

Peter Magrath	University of Minnesota
Norman Hackerman	Rice University
Martin D. Woodin	Louisiana State University
John W. Oswald	Pennsylvania State University
Theodore Hesburgh	Notre Dame University
Robert Sproull	University of Rochester
John Hogness	University of Washington
Henry K. Stanford	University of Miami
David Saxon	University of California
Clifton Wharton	Michigan State University at East Lansing
Frederick Davison	University of Georgia

Jerome Wiesner

Massachusetts Institute of  
Technology

Dallin H. Oaks

Brigham Young University

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Each was recommended by [REDACTED] and is considered likely to be receptive to an invitation from Admiral Turner for a visit to CIA. [REDACTED] representatives believe that all are generally favorable toward CIA. They were drawn from a much larger list of presidents who would be candidates for additional visits if the first one is successful.

We should not plan or expect all 13 to accept our first invitation. The ideal size for such a visit, in fact, most likely would be five or six presidents. It is recommended that invitations be sent at the outset to eight or nine of the individuals on the list with the expectation that at least a few will be unable to accept.

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OFFICE OF THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR

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"Some merit in a second go-around to  
get a black president from a black school.  
/s/Jack Blake"

Attachments:  
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